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SUBJ: JAPANESE RICE FOR CAMBODIA

REF: TOKYO 10675

1. PER REFTEL, REQUEST YOU MAKE ASAP HIGH-LEVEL REQUEST TO GOJ THAT 5,000 TONS OF JAPANESE DONATED RICE BE SHIPPED SOON ENOUGH TO ALLOW ARRIVAL IN PHNOM PENH AND KOMPONG SOM BY END SEPTEMBER 1973. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE OFFICIALS ON NEAR-TERM RICE NEEDS OF CAMBODIA, EMBASSY SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT WE WISH TO AVOID A REPEAT OF SEPTEMBER 1972 RICE STOCK SHORTAGE AND RESULTANT CHAOS IN RICE MARKETS THROUGHOUT CAMBODIA. A NEW CRISIS CAN BE AVOIDED ONLY IF MAXIMUM EFFORTS ARE MADE TO MOVE WHAT RICE IS AVAILABLE (CAMBODIA,S DOMESTIC RICE AT BATTAMBANG, THAI-PROCURED
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RICE, AND JAPANESE DONATION) INTO POSITION IN CAMBODIA AS

EARLY AS POSSIBLE. JAPANESE DONATION WILL PROVIDE A SAFE-
GUARD TO INSURE RICE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN CAMBODIAN MARKETS
IN EARLY OCTOBER.

2. APPRECIATE ADVICE OF GOJ RESPONSE TO YOUR FORMAL REQUEST
AS OUTLINED ABOVE. ROGERS

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